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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Eric Radtke as
4 he retires as president of Prairie State College; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Eric Radtke has served as president of Prairie
6 State College since 2008; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Eric Radtke has an extensive background in the
8 field of higher education administration; prior to joining
9 Prairie State College, Dr. Eric Radtke served as Executive
10 Vice-President of Administration at Cuyahoga Community College
11 in Cleveland, Ohio; before his time at Cuyahoga Community
12 College, he spent 6 years in the United Arab Emirates, where he
13 served as chief planning, budget, and human resources officer
14 for Higher College of Technology, a system of 12 technical
15 colleges serving 16,000 Emirati Students across the UAE; and

16 WHEREAS, Prior to his service in the United Arab Emirates,
17 Dr. Eric Radtke served as Vice-President of Finance and
18 Operations for Minneapolis Community and Technical College
19 from 1996 to 2000, and he served in various senior
20 administrative roles for the Minnesota Community College
21 System from 1985 to 1995; he was instrumental in implementing
22 the merger of the technical colleges, state universities, and

1 community colleges into a single new system, which today is
2 known as Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or MnSCU;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Eric Radtke dabbled in politics and government
5 before moving to the world of higher education; from 1980 to
6 1984, he served the Minnesota Legislature as a fiscal and
7 policy analyst for the House Appropriations Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Eric Radtke received his Ph.D. in Higher
9 Education Policy and Administration and his masters of arts in
10 Public Affairs from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at
11 the University of Minnesota; he received his bachelors degree
12 in Community Science (Psychology) from the University of
13 Wisconsin-Green Bay; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Eric Radtke has been married to Jane Eccles
15 for 38 years and they have 2 children, Caitlin Eccles-Radtke
16 M.D. and Erica Eccles-Radtke Psy.D.; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Dr. Eric Radtke on the occasion of his
20 retirement, thank him for his commitment to higher education,
21 and wish him the best with all his future endeavours; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Dr. Eric Radtke as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.